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*February 1st.*

Professor FRAZER in the Chair.

Letters were read

From the Secretary of the Royal Asiatic Society, dated 20th Nov. 1852, acknowledging the receipt of a copy of Dr. Ruschenberger's "Notice of the Academy."

From the Corresponding Secretary of the Albany Institute, dated January 11, 1853, transmitting Vol. 2 of the Transactions of the Institute; and also acknowledging the receipt of late Nos. of the Proceedings.

Dr. Woodhouse presented a paper for publication in the Proceedings, entitled "Description of a new species of *Hesperomys*." Referred to Dr. Leidy, Dr. Le Conte and Mr. Cassin.

Mr. Cassin presented a paper from Dr. P. R. Hoy, of Wisconsin, entitled, "Notes on the Ornithology of Wisconsin." Referred to Mr. Cassin, Dr. Heermann and Dr. Wilson.

A letter was read from Dr. William Blanding, addressed to Dr. Hallowell, on the habits of the *Kinixis denticulata*.

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*February 8th.*

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Letters were read

From the Secretary of the Trustees of the New York State Library, dated Albany, Feb. 2, 1853, acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings, Vol. 6, No. 6.

From M. Nees Von Esenbeck, President of the Acad. C. L. C. Naturæ Curiosorum, dated Breslau, 10th Nov. 1852, acknowledging the receipt of the Journal and Proceedings, and also of copies of Dr. Ruschenberger's "Notice of the Academy," and Dr. Meigs' Memoir of Dr. Morton.

From the Secretary of the American Philosophical Society, dated Philadelphia, Feb. 7, 1853, acknowledging the receipt of the Journal, Vol. 2, N. S., part 3, and of the Proceedings, Vol. 6, Nos. 5 and 6.

From Prof. Dunglison, dated Jan. 28, 1853, acknowledging the receipt of his notice of election as a member of the Academy.

Major Le Conte presented a paper for publication in the Proceedings, entitled, "An enumeration of the Vines of North America," which was referred to Dr. Zantzing, Dr. Bridges and Dr. Pickering.

Dr. Le Conte presented a paper intended for publication in the Proceedings, entitled "Synopsis of the Silphales of America, North of Mexico," and a second paper entitled "Synopsis of the Scaphidilia of the United States;" both of which were referred to Dr. Ruschenberger, Dr. Heermann and Dr. Zantzing.

Mr. Conrad presented the following for publication in the Proceedings: "Synopsis of the North American Naiades, by T. A. Conrad." Referred to the following Committee: Dr. Wilson, Dr. Pickering and Dr. Ruschenberger.